

Hello,

We are Alex and Olivia. Our family started the Spirit Wings Charity for Children. We are in charge of “Teen Scene.” In this article, we want to talk about other kids and teens in the world who are doing things to help other children and adults in need. Some examples are: raising money for children and their families; food drives; and building homes for troubled families. We would like to commend them on their wonderful efforts and the difference they’ve made in the world.

Some examples of a few charities founded by kids would be the Ladybug Foundation ([www.ladybugfoundation.ca](http://www.ladybugfoundation.ca)). The Ladybug Foundation was formed when 5-year-old Hannah Taylor saw a homeless man eating out of a garbage can. She set out to cure the world of homelessness with hugs and ladybugs. As Hannah says, “Ladybugs represent luck and homeless people need good luck.” With some help from her parents, she set up the Ladybug Foundation and she painted baby food jars like ladybugs and asked businesses for spare change. Hannah has raised more than half a million dollars.

Another charity is Free the Children ([www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com)). One morning before school, Craig Kielburger saw something in the newspaper about a 12-year-old Pakistani boy who was killed for speaking out against child labor. Wanting to put a stop to child labor, Craig started Free the Children. It has helped many children and is a huge charity.

One charity that made us very sad is called Alex’s Lemonade Stand ([www.alexlemonade.org](http://www.alexlemonade.org)). Alex’s Lemonade Stand grew from a front yard lemonade stand into a national organization for kids with cancer. Alex Scott was diagnosed with cancer two days before her first birthday, and when she turned four, she set up a lemonade stand to help her doctors find a cure. Alex passed away when she was eight, but her charity lives on. The reason we want kids to know about this is because if they see other children doing great things, maybe they will want to help the world, too.

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